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Applicants	:	Danilo Pietro Pau et al.
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents:

      In the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance included with the Notice of Allowance mailed March 16, 2004, the Examiner mistakenly indicated that the claimed process includes encoding vectors independently *and* calculating for each group of vectors. Instead, claim 1 recites that at least one of the encoding and calculating steps is performed, but

does not require that both steps are performed. Similar considerations apply to claims 22 and 26. Thus, all of the claims should be allowed because of the limitations actually recited in the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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